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SUBJ: CROP CONDITIONS NORTH AFRICA--FAO WORLD FOOD OUTLOOK QUARTERLY

1. FAO WORLD FOOD OUTLOOK QUARTERLY OF MAY 24, 1977 LISTS TUNISIA AND ALGERIA AS COUNTRIES WITH UNFAVORABLE CROP CONDITIONS. SECTIONS OF REPORT ON NORTH AFRICA ARE QUOTED BELOW. BEGIN QUOTE:

(A) IN NORTH AFRICA, THE DROUGHT WAS BROKEN, BUT RAINS MAY HAVE COME TOO LATE TO HELP WINTER CEREAL CROPS IN ALGERIA, MOROCCO AND TUNISIA. A SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION IS ANTICIPATED.

(B) IN NORTHERN AFRICA, THE PROLONGED DROUGHT WAS INTERRUPTED BY MID-APRIL RAINS, FOLLOWED BY A FORTNIGHT OF DRY WEATHER UP TO THE BEGINNING OF MAY, WHEN SOME LIGHT SHOWERS FELL OVER THE ENTIRE AREA. GRAIN CROP PROSPECTS STILL REMAIN POOR. SEASONAL WET APRIL WEATHER PREVAILED IN EASTERN AFRICA, EXCEPT IN TANZANIA. LOCALIZED SEVERE FLOODINGS AND STRONG WINDS AFFECTED CROPS IN KENYA. END QUOTE

2. IN FORECASTING WORLD WHEAT TRADE IN 1977/78 AT BETWEEN 60-63 MILLION TONS, UP FROM 59 MILLION TONS IN 1976/77, REPORT NOTED UNCLASSIFIED

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LARGER REQUIREMENTS OF WHEAT ARE FORECAST FOR AFRICA, WHERE PRODUCTION IN THE MAGHREB REGION HAS SUFFERED FROM POOR WEATHER. EXPORTS OF WHEAT IN 1976/77 TO AFRICA ARE ESTIMATED AT 4.5 MILLION TONS AND ARE FORECAST FOR 1977/78 AT 6 MILLION TONS. GARDNER

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